

PAID FOR THE SIDEWALKS.

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business as to be obliged to appeal to the Committee to protect him from Granger. "I think the laugh was on Mr. Nicol, who blushed."

"I think Mr. Nicol is able to protect himself from Granger," remarked Senator Pound.

"He looks as if he were," said the Chairman.

"Well, I told him to let me alone and never come near me again or I would kick him out of my office," continued Mr. Nicol, "but I think it is still under the protection of the Committee, it ought to keep him from bothering me with any such corrupt propositions."

"I'm sorry Mr. Nicol should be subjected to such temptations," was Mr. Goff's parting shot.

Ring Dealer a Witness.

The first witness called was Simon Rawitzer, a woolen rag and wool dealer, of 125 Duane street, Mr. Rawitzer was an unwilling witness and said he didn't want his name to get into the papers. He admitted that he was obliged to see the sidewalk in front of his store in carrying on his business, loading and unloading goods.

"Did he ever pay anything for this privilege to any one?" asked Mr. Goff.

"Yes, money was paid to a corporation officer to avoid being fined and being compelled to go to court."

"How much did you pay?" asked Mr. Goff.

"At one time \$25 and the second time \$50. I believe. We had to use the sidewalk, it was compulsory, and I paid it to avoid future trouble. Since I have been paying for the privilege I have never been troubled."

Mr. Rawitzer said he did not know the name of the policeman who called for the money, and he had never seen him. He only knew he was what was known as a corporation policeman.

The next witness was Montrose Bernas, Mr. Rawitzer's manager, who corroborated his story in regard to the payments of money to policemen.

Then paying for four years. The witness said that he began to pay about four years ago. The firm received a notice to appear in court and show cause why they should not be fined for violating the ordinance.

"I went to court several times to fight the matter, but I considered it an outrage, but, after several delays, I came to the conclusion that I had better save time and money by paying the \$75 fine."

Afterwards, in conversation with a friend, I was informed that if I would send for the ward man and arrange matters I would avoid any trouble in the future.

I acted on his advice and the officer came to see him. He never knew the name of this man. I made another payment to him and then another man came around.

"He said he was the ward man of the new Captain, and that the time had expired for making a payment, and he would like to renew the arrangement."

"Did he ask you for any more money?" asked Mr. Goff.

"Yes, he said he would like to renew the arrangement."

"How much did you pay?" asked Mr. Goff.

"The last time I paid \$75."

"How did you pay it?" asked Mr. Goff.

"I put the money in an envelope and gave it to the officer when he came around for it."

"Did he ask you to put it in an envelope?" asked Mr. Goff.

"Yes, I think he did."

The witness afterwards remembered that it was a particularly bright day, and the ward man that the money should be put in an envelope with his business card.

The only trouble he had was since January last, when he was arrested for violation of the ordinance and had to pay another fine. No rent for the sidewalk had been collected this year.

Mr. Nicol understood that the witness could have avoided the use of the sidewalk, and finally said he had no business to pay the money, and he proposed to tear off the mask of hypocrisy with which the witness was allying himself.

"I object to the witness being lectured in this way," said Mr. Goff.

Mr. Nicol told Mr. Nicol his course was a very improper one. He didn't ask the witness and he said he had several big coffee and tea stores, the principal one being at 105 and 107 Warren street, was the next witness.

"Did you ever have trouble about using the sidewalk?" asked Mr. Goff.

"I believe we were fined once or twice."

"Sometimes \$5 and sometimes \$10," said the witness.

This occurred within the last year.

His Partner a Tammany Man.

"One of your partners is a member of Tammany Hall, isn't it?" asked Mr. Goff.

"Yes, Mr. Fred Wieman."

"He used to fix things up for you when you had trouble, didn't he?" asked Mr. Goff.

"Sometimes he had to pay." said the witness.

"But sometimes he didn't pay, and I saw him and he would go around and see the Judge, and he would exonerate me."

"That's all," said Mr. Goff, and Mr. Nicol said he had no more to say.

He was followed by Louis Stajer, who was formerly a concert hall keeper in the Bowery. Now, he has a cafe and restaurant at Fifth street and Second avenue. His first place on the Bowery was at No. 25, he had a license for which he paid \$100 every three months, and an excise license, for which he paid \$50 a year.

"You never paid any money to the police for protection?" asked Mr. Goff.

"No, sir."

"And never had any trouble with them?" asked Mr. Goff.

"No, sir."

"You didn't want to come here to-day and you are angry?" asked Mr. Goff.

"I'm not angry."

he had a power of attorney to draw checks.

"Didn't you draw a check for \$1,500 in July last?" asked Mr. Goff.

"I might have done so. I fixed up my place about that time."

Order to Bring His Check-Book.

Mr. Goff tried to get out of him what he paid for this "fixing up," but Stajer said he could not remember how much he paid to the different tradesmen, and was told to bring his check-book and memorandum book next Tuesday.

Nathan said he knew Morris Phillips, and the members of which, he said, were naturalized by John J. Ryan, the Senator.

Nathan said he had a brother Louis who had been subpoenaed as a witness before the Essex Committee. Two days ago a man went to his stand and took a glass of soda-water.

"He wouldn't have any change," said Levy. "and then he asked me if my brother was not summoned as a witness before the Essex Committee."

"I said he was, and then the man told me I had better try and keep him away, and he would have nothing to do with it, and then he told me I would have to give up my stand."

Levy said he received a notice from the Bureau of Incumbrances yesterday ordering him to take his soda fountain down, and not to be on the stand, and he produced the notice. Mr. Moss said that Louis Levy, the brother, had been subpoenaed, but was not in court, or he would call him.

Jedior Berg, another woolen rag and wool dealer, was called, and he was annoyed by frequent complaints and threats of arrest while he did business on the stand.

"I got tired of being fined, so I spoke to a policeman on the beat about it, and he asked me what I would do to avoid it. He told me he would send a man to see me."

The man came around the next day, and said he would not be able to arrange matters so I would not be annoyed. I asked him what it would cost, and he said \$50 for the year.

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ran away. I asked Policeman Adams, who was talking with another of the men, why he did not arrest the man, and why he let him get away."

Adams said to me: "Get to hell out of this, you loiterer. What do I care for you?"

I went to Police Headquarters and made a complaint, on Tuesday, but I got no satisfaction.

Threatened by Detectives.

"The next day two policemen, detectives they were, came into my place, and one was Peter Corbin, I think. He threatened me and said he would fix me, and was going to put a job on me because I had complained about Adams."

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"Did you call and settle?" asked Mr. Goff.

"Yes, I did."

"For how much?" asked Mr. Goff.

"About \$12."

"Could you settle a claim of \$50 for \$12?" asked Mr. Goff.

"Well, I said the fines were unjust and I would not pay, and would carry the matter to the court if necessary, and we compromised on \$12."

The cooperative witness admitted that the charges made against him were unjust, but said that there was a certain line attached to every complaint, and he threatened me and said he would fix me, and was going to put a job on me because I had complained about Adams."

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Actors Lack Engagements Owing to Theatrical Stagnation.

Charles Coghlan Has Been an Expensive Luxury.

A good many theatrical people went to the Suburban yesterday, but there were a good many more who didn't. The reason was, of course, that for the season has been a bad one, and for the sporty actor has no money to venture on horse races. One well-known leading man was exceedingly angry because he saw his ex-manager go comfortably to Sheephead. "He's going on parade," said the actor indignantly. "He owes me a good deal of money, and he let me pay my fare back from the West. All I hope is that he backs the wrong horse." It was mostly the managers who patronized the races. The Rialto seemed fuller, if possible, of seedy actors and bedraggled southerners, parading and discussing the probabilities in groups at the street corners. Engagements are very hard to get just now. Managers are holding back before bidding themselves by contract, and it looks very much as though things would remain in their present straits until August. Richard Mansfield and his dapper little manager, John Slocum, rolled up Broadway in a victoria, looking very opulent. It was the little contrasting touch in a picture of Summer inertia and disappointment. Mansfield looked as though he knew that he supplied the touch.

John T. Sullivan says that Charles Coghlan has cost the Rogers Coghlan Company something like \$25,000 during the past season, and the estimate has been very carefully made. The failure of "The Great Gatsby" entailed a loss of nearly \$6,000, and Coghlan was very much cut up about it. Her plans for next season are not yet mature. She had to pay for her own way back from London, and she was very much cut up about it. "Diplomacy" is still to the good—an excellent prop to lean upon.

One of two antique southerners on Broadway yesterday declared that they would willingly emulate Pauline Markham's example and leave the stage for good. They were a pair of old actors, and they were very much cut up about it. They were a pair of old actors, and they were very much cut up about it. They were a pair of old actors, and they were very much cut up about it.

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The sympathy of the Rialto is with Fred Belasco, now at Blackwell's Island for non-payment of alimony. Every one is sorry for him. He is a very good actor, and he is a very good actor. He is a very good actor, and he is a very good actor. He is a very good actor, and he is a very good actor.

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